

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this comment to voice my opposition to the continued consolidation of media ownership.

As a tax payer, voting citizen and insatiable consumer of media, I love the choices I have in my local media market. Allowing for greater consolidation would vastly limit my choices as a reader, listener and viewer of local media, while stacking the deck in such a way that such quality, locally-produced journalism could not compete with the deep-pocketed conglomerates whose reach and business would flourish under such a liberal policy. As commissioners of federal communications, you have a duty to protect the interests of communities and individual citizens who rely on radio, print and television for relevant, accurate and fair reporting. Media consolidation offers no benefits for ordinary citizens while it promises not only profits, but power for select ultra wealthy corporations to exert control over media messaging thus disenfranchising whole markets.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.  
Sincerely,

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